

TAINTED THE SPRING.

HOW WHISKY GAP, WY., GOT ITS PECULIAR NAME.

The Frontiersman's Fable That the Mountain Stream Was a Fountain of Youth Disputed by the True Story of the Blending Process.

One of the historic places in the west is Whisky Gap, Wyo. The old time dwellers of mountain and plain—the men who "fought Indians and hunted buffalo out west" during the overland train days of the early sixties—have shrugged their shoulders at the mention of Whisky Gap for nearly 40 years. This is the place, according to their belief, where real "firewater" gushed out of the rocks in a beautiful mountain spring to quench the thirst of a whole company of Uncle Sam's trained Indian fighters. "It was nothing but pure spring water," they say; "a veritable fountain of youth."

Colonel C. C. Contant, the author of a history of Wyoming and the pioneer days of the west, has learned the true story of Whisky Gap to be somewhat different from the fountain of youth fable. According to historical record of the early days along the government overland trail, Whisky Gap received its name in 1862 during the building of the overland stage route from Denver to Salt Lake City and the Pacific coast.

The people of Denver had long been working to secure the regular overland stage route, then connecting the east and the west. In 1862 Ben Holliday, a veteran stage man, became proprietor of the great overland line, and he agreed upon a route running through Denver to the west. He decided to discontinue that part of the road running up the North Platte and the Sweetwater rivers and across South Pass, Wyo. The many Indian difficulties experienced on this route were the inducements to abandon it.

The new trail led by way of Julesburg, Colo., to Denver, and on over the established wagon road to Fort Lupton, and north across Laramie plains, then due west through Bridge Pass, Wyo., joining the old trail leading across the country to the Pacific coast. The change was made during the summer of 1862. All the rolling stock, horses and other property of the company were gathered at the station just above Devil's Gate, in central Wyoming. Company A of the Eleventh Ohio cavalry, with Major O'Farrell in command, was the detailed escort at the time.

During the first day the long line of coaches, wagons, horses and mules made 11 miles from the station where the property had been gathered. The route chosen was directly south from the Sweetwater river. The camp selected was in a gap in the mountains where there were a fine spring and plenty of wood for cooking purposes.

Shortly after going into camp the major discovered that quite a number of his soldiers were intoxicated, and he at once sent for Lieutenant W. H. Brown, who was officer of the day, and informed him of the condition of many of the men and gave it as his opinion that some one was selling whisky in the camp. The command was doing escort duty not only for stage stock and stores, but also for a number of emigrants who had availed themselves of the opportunity for safe conduct over the plains.

Lieutenant Brown received orders to search all wagons, and if he should discover whisky to destroy it. Taking a corporal and three or four men, he commenced the search for the contraband article and found at last a barrel of whisky in an emigrant wagon. The officer ordered his men to roll the barrel out of the wagon, knock in the head and empty the contents on the ground. This was done, but it chanced that the spot where the whisky was emptied was just above the spring, and the fiery liquid went pouring down into the water supply of the camp.

The soldiers saw what was going on, and they rushed forward with cups, canteens, buckets and camp kettles to save what they could of the coveted "spirits." Many a man stooped over the spring and drank almost without breathing until he was drunk. One soldier who had succeeded in getting a full canteen from the spring paid his respects to Major O'Farrell at the headquarters tent, assuring his commanding officer, with maudlin men and many a "hic," that that was the finest spring he had ever seen and the very best water he had ever tasted.

Major O'Farrell was apprehending an attack from the Indians that night, and the condition of his men fairly disheartened him. He saw at a glance that even a small band of savages could make a successful raid on his camp, consequently the sober and less intoxicated men were kept on the alert all night. Fortunately, no Indians put in an appearance, and by morning the debauched men had slept off their intoxication.

Thus the gap in the mountains where the camp was made received the name of Whisky Gap. For many years it was the favorite camping place for the more credulous of the old freighters and emigrants of the "trail days," but the little spring was never a "fountain of youth" as it had been in the old days, when "firewater" gushed up out of the rocks to quench the thirst of a company of United States soldiers.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

As He Put It.

Planché told this story of an Irishman who was driving a mail coach. He observed him to be tying his neck up in the voluminous folds of his comforter and remarked, "You seem to be taking very good care of yourself, my friend."

"Och, to be sure, I am, sir," answered the driver, "what's all the world to a man when his wife's a widdy?"

NEW FALL CARPETS.

The Cheaper Weaves as Charming as the More Costly.

Even the comparatively impecunious may indulge artistic desires in floor coverings this season, and a refined taste need not be restrained by a restricted purse, judging from the following account, which The Art Interchange gives of the treasures prepared in this line:

The favorite shades in fall house furnishings are to be green and red. These come in such variety of tints and gradations of self color that they seem to represent the whole gamut of color. From the pale rose to the royal purple, there is an infinite variety of reds, and one is almost bewildered by the array of exquisite greens, coming in a mist gray effect and deepening and vivifying the variations of this color through olives and myrtles and emeralds. These beautiful tones are not confined to expensive weaves. In carpets, the same purity of tone is to be found in the Brussels and Ingrains as distinguish the costly axminster and wiltons. In fact, the higher grades are exactly reproduced in both color and design in the cheaper grades. The advantage of width, however, comes in the high grades and expensive weaves. Carpets are now manufactured in extraordinary widths, and the center rugs come in whole pieces, 9 by 12 feet, which, with the usual border, make them large enough for an ordinary room.

The French weaves are now doing handmade carpets in one piece to fit any room of any shape or requirements. These are called the savonnerie and aubussons and represent a small fortune in each carpet. They come in the most exquisite colors and are as lovely as a rare porcelain. Only a few specimens are kept in stock, but samples are shown and orders taken to represent any color scheme, mode of decoration or style of treatment.

In the axminsters and wiltons there are much self color and two tone employed. The plain carpets are rich and handsome and come in all shades.

Angora velvets are a new carpet distinguished by its long nap.

The French axmins come in rose and cream and are elaborate in floral designs.

The Turkey colors and oriental rug designs, as well as tapestry colors, run through all grades of carpets. The good delft colors are also much sought after.

Dresden colors and rosebud designs on cream grounds come for chambers.

Vivid yellows are glowing floor covers for music rooms.

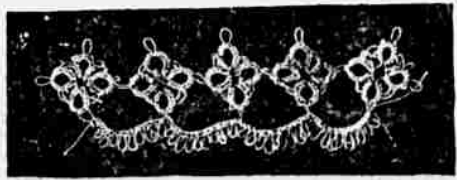
Ingrains come in solid colors. True tone effect seems to be as much a purpose of the cheaper grades as of the higher ones.

Tatted Edging.

Fine tating is seen on some of the handsomest imported garments, so it is evident that this pretty fancy work is again becoming popular.

Diamond Edging.—To make diamond, first loop, 4 d s, p, 4 d s, p, 4 d s, p, 4 d s, close, make three more loops, join.

For the heading, make 2 d s, p, 10 times. This is one of the prettiest of



DIAMOND EDGING.

The small edgings are very quickly done. The diamonds may be joined and used without the edge for an insertion, or the edge may be applied to both sides, thus making a wider insertion. Made of coarse black crocheted silk, this trimming is serviceable and effective and may be made much handsomer by sewing a small black bead in each opening of the diamond. Decorated in this manner, the edge looks like the handsomest narrow passementerie, says The Designer in presenting this pattern.

Perfume Bags For Bureau Drawers.

Many women sew sachet bags in their bodices and distribute them in their closets where their gowns hang, and some few go so far as to sew them in their corsets and carry them with them also. But such a wholesale use of sachet powders kills the refined delicacy and faintness so desired by fastidious women.

It has been found, after much experimenting and careful study, that perfume bags scattered broadcast and in great plenty in the bureau drawers have a better and more lasting effect than anything which has ever been tried before.

Each woman has her own particular extract, which becomes so identified with her to her friends that one of them picking up a handkerchief and inhaling the delicate scent clinging to it will at once exclaim, "That is So-and-so's handkerchief."—New York Herald.

The New Questions of Style.

One of the hotly contested questions just now is whether a woman's hair shall be pinned high or low, another whether the Josephine influence is to be welcomed or struggled against. The New York Sun says:

In one night in London Mrs. Langtry made her influence upon the hair of every woman so felt that within a week chignons had fallen from the highest point on the feminine cranium to the base. In prompt acquiescence, the American woman is following suit, and a parting as white as moonlight, a backward folded ripple of locks on either side to a clublike terminus low upon the nape, is at present the most modish way to comb one's hair.

There are no strong and convincing arguments yet hurled at the empire gown, because the designers have artfully done away with its objectionable features and preserved only its charms.

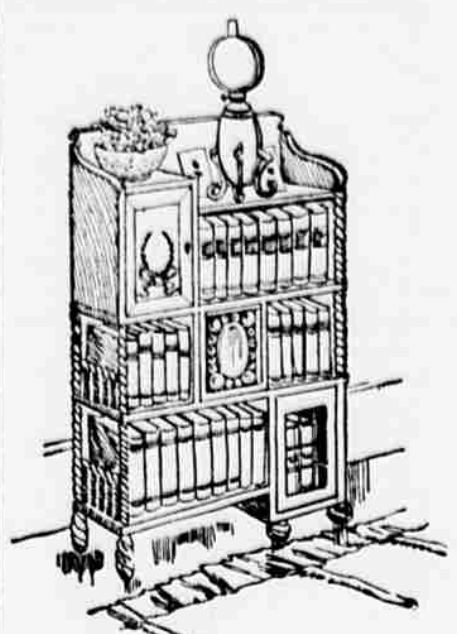
BITS OF FURNITURE.

IDEAS FOR THINGS ODD, ORIGINAL AND PLEASING.

A Fine Cabinet For Books and Photographs, Inexpensively Constructed—A Convenient and Picturesque Window Arrangement.

"Odd bits of furniture, something out of the common run of things seen in the furniture shops—these are the things that many are looking for."

"To be unique, original and pleasing a bit of furniture need not be ex-



CABINET FOR THE LIBRARY.

pensive, though if bought at a dealer's it usually is. If one can put his ideas upon paper, the cabinet maker or the skillful two-dollar-and-a-half-a-day carpenter will translate them into wood very accurately. This opinion The Ladies' World has illustrated as follows:

Take, for instance, the design that is shown herewith. Outside of the fluted corners and ends and the center door of heavy glass a carpenter could construct this bit of furnishing in a very short space of time and consequently at small expense. The fluted material can now be bought at lumber yards, machine turned, at trifling cost. If the glass door, with its bulbs of opaque glass, cannot readily be found, substitute a wooden door of some attractive design, but the colored, rough surfaced glass will be exceedingly attractive if it can be obtained where the cabinet is to be constructed. One of the closets may well be used for the storing of mounted photographs of scenery and of great paintings or as a receptacle for the annual picture harvest of the amateur photographer who may be a member of the family, most families having such a member now. Books scattered about in such receptacles as these make a library a much more attractive and homelike place than do the stiff rows of closely filled shelves so often seen.

The second cut shows a treatment for library window that provides a number of conveniences, not the least of which are the numerous drawers beneath the broad window seat (another convenience) and the bookshelves. No room can have too many drawers. In



TREATMENT OF A WINDOW.

The library they are specially useful for folding old magazines and papers, pamphlets, writing paper and envelopes bought in bulk by the pound and the thousand, photographs and scores of other things. Where there are children in the family they will appropriate some of these drawers to their own use and here their playthings can be kept.

Fashion's Latest Maneuvers.

Stitchings, stitchings all the way, and the tailor well to the fore—this about explains the position of affairs in fashion's maneuvers. Cloth gowns of light colors and of a claret and mulberry shade are alike to be patronized, and these are invariably trimmed with many stitchings set very closely together. There are many editions of the tunic skirt to be seen.

Besides the faced cloths, the rougher kinds of tweeds are to be recognized, and dark red chevrot will be among the prime favorites. A gown of this trimmed with spotted panne; a gray cloth, with a coat boasting a plastron of stitchings set across, revers of gray panne and a huge collar of chinchilla; a claret colored cloth, with an ermine hood to the coat which displays a small yoke and cravat of pale yellow lace—these are confections that represent the glory and richness of coming styles.

Besides stitching our dresses and our coats, we stitch our hats, a fashion which first made its appearance last autumn. The stitched velvet toque or turban is comfortable, may be made becoming and is therefore likely to succeed.

Some Shooting Events.

The local shooting tournament planned for yesterday and today by city sportsmen did not draw the attendance of sportsmen from other towns that was anticipated. However those who participated yesterday enjoyed the sport very thoroughly. In the forenoon there were a number of contests not on the program. Of the out of town sportsmen A. and R. Loecke of Stanton, J. W. Boyd of Sioux City and A. Robertson of Scribner, took part in the contests.

The following were the events on the program, with the winners of the purses:

1. 10 targets—A. Loecke, 1st, 2d money divided between four contestants.
2. 15 targets—A. Loecke 1st, R. Loecke 2d.
3. 15 targets—Boyd 1st, R. Loecke 2d.
4. 20 targets—Boyd 1st, Glissman 2d.
5. 15 targets—R. Loecke 1st, Robertson 2d.

6. 10 live birds with \$10 added top prize—Glissman 1st, Northway 2d, Boyd 3d; A. Loecke and Robertson divided 4th.

7. 20 targets—A. Loecke and Boyd divided 1st; Northway and Robertson divided 2d.

8. 15 targets—A. Loecke 1st; Northway and Boyd divided 2d.

No sportsmen having arrived to participate, the events planned for today were declared off.

Must Have Sampled too Often.

A lodger at one of our hotels found himself in a curious predicament one morning last week. It was his second night at the hotel, and on each night he occupied different rooms. Having occasion to get up the second night, he wandered back to the room he had occupied the previous night and went to bed. Upon waking up in the morning he was horrified to find that he had no clothing with which to dress himself, and jumped to the conclusion that it had been stolen.

He waited in the room until some one passed his door, and asked that the passer call the landlord, as he had been robbed. The arrival of the landlord and clerk upon the scene soon straightened the matter up, and the clothing was found all right in the room in which the man had first gone to bed.—Oto, Iowa Leader.

To Cure Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on every box. 25c.

Warnerville.

Mrs. Edwin Booth went to Omaha Saturday.

Will Thatch of Madison is here moving a house for S. K. Hall.

Robert Dwyer of Lincoln is visiting his brother-in-law, John Conley.

H. Warner shelled a carload of new corn Monday and shipped it to St. Louis.

J. J. Clements and wife of Norfolk visited Saturday and Sunday with Fred Odell.

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"Mr. Buchanan proposes to enlist the hearty co-operation of the Nebraska newspapers in publishing information regarding the advantages of the state. He also intends publishing several pamphlets devoted to a comprehensive description of Nebraska."

SOUTH NORFOLK.

W. C. Roland was an Omaha visitor Wednesday.

Geo. Bowman of Boone is visiting at the home of his uncle, F. Linerode.

Matt Shaffer has announced a reduction in the price of meat that will be appreciated by his patrons.

The society people have formed a club, the first meeting of which was held in

Railway hall Thursday night when an enjoyable evening was passed. The club proposes to have two events each month, one of which will be a dance and the other a card party. The club starts with a goodly number of members who anticipate much pleasure from its meetings.

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Editor Sued for Aiding Home Institutions.

The large catalogue houses and department stores of the east do not take kindly to the efforts of the newspapers to keep the trade for local merchants and endeavor by every means, fair or foul, to overcome this influence, which they, by their actions acknowledge to be of great weight. A suit has developed in Iowa growing out of the alleged abuse of catalogue implement house by a Fort Dodge paper. Of the circumstances the Omaha Trade Exhibit says: "The editor has been sued for \$40,000 damages by a Chicago firm which was mentioned by the paper in an uncompromising way. It goes without saying that the litigation instituted by the firm is in the nature of a 'bluff,' to use the street phrase. These catalogue houses have been especially active in Iowa of late and the Fort Dodge newspaper man had the courage to write it up and present it in a fair, square way to consumers and business men alike. The catalogue houses have too good a thing to let such an arraignment go unchallenged and so the suit followed. The idea of the catalogue fellows is of course to make a great show of resentment, and by crying 'wolf' to befuddle the issue. The truth is that this growing evil cannot be too severely condemned. The writer is not informed as to just what charges were made in this specific instance, but it is within the knowledge of the writer that the catalogue houses doing business in Omaha could have been very severely arranged with full justice to all during the past summer. Secretary McLaughlin of the Nebraska Implement Dealers Association in the presence of the writer, mentioned a number of specific instances wherein downright dishonesty had been practiced in his locality by the catalogue houses. In truth, these firms pretend to do away with the 'middlemen' and cater wholly to the consumer, when, in fact, the consumer is made to pay eventually more for his goods by considerable than if he had patronized the regular channels of trade. Nebraska farmers have little faith in the promises of these people and the retailers have even less. Damage suits like this one will prove the rottenness of the concerns masquerading under the name of catalogue houses."

Letter List.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for at the postoffice November 20, 1899:

A. W. Bolderson, Allyn Alexander, A. E. Bodey, A. L. Bryan, Geo. Eutcher, W. A. Davis, Blanch Hemborn, W. E. Jones, A. M. Leuh, George Kirk, S. L. Loravestine, Julius Glenn, M. Sanbagron, H. H. Wolf (2), Jessie Youngs.

If not called for in 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office.

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Interesting literature regarding the South is now being distributed by the Southern Railway—"Southern Homes" folders, large map folders, "Land of the Sky" booklets, Southern Fields, "Minerals and Mines" booklets, etc., mailed free to any address. "The Empire of the South," a very handsome volume of about 200 pages, profusely illustrated, also issued by the Southern Railway, and sent to any address upon receipt of 25 cents, which amount approximates cost of delivery. Address—

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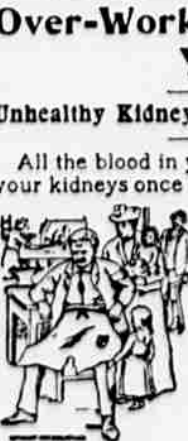
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